



Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor, Chair • Sara Andrews, Director

## **Criminal Justice Committee**

May 14, 2015

### **Meeting Notes**

Attending:	Judge Spanagel	Gary Yates
	Lara Baker-Morrish	Steve Gray
	Brian Martin	William Stephenson
	Chris Nicastro	David Roper
	Tim Young	Paul Dobson
	Marta Mudri	Lusanne Green
	Paula Brown	Steve Van Dine
	Kari Underwood	Josh Williams
	Cecelia Klingele	Chrystal Alexander
	Michele Miller	

#### **Staff Liaisons: Sara Andrews & Jo Ellen Cline**

The meeting was called to order by staff liaison Sara Andrews. Introductions were made and following a brief discussion, Gary Yates was unanimously selected as Chair of the committee and Steve Gray was unanimously selected as Vice-Chair of the committee.

Tim Young provided a brief update on the work of the Recodification Group and noted there will be crossover between that group and the committees of the Commission, as well as the full Commission.

The committee began by reviewing the priority and time line list.

1. Clarify role & function of OCSC – use the Chief Justice’s memo as a basis (Sara to send out to members); Paul Dobson moved that the committee create a mission vision statement by August Commission meeting; look at OCSC statutes for possible changes and Chrystal Alexander seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

2. Chair Yates noted that the review of the death penalty task force recommendations was removed as a priority at the last full Commission meeting because the Commission will be provided periodic updates as to the status of those recommendations. Jo Ellen will distribute the implementation chart regarding Joint Task Force to Review the Administration of Ohio's Death Penalty recommendations.
3. Chair Yates also noted the letter of support for HWH's removal from the definition of imprisonment has been sent to the General Assembly.
4. Expungement/Sealing of Records – Paula Brown moved to have the committee look at all sealing and expungement statutes, Lara Baker-Morrish seconded and the motion passed. Sara will distribute the pertinent statutes for the committee to consider and submit comments on or before May 29, 2015 –directly to Sara or reply to all from the email. The committee also noted that a representative from the Attorney General's Office should be invited to attend future meetings. Sara will contact Superintendent Stickrath and/or Chief Counsel Trout. Additionally, Steve Van Dine pointed out he'd like the committee to consider revision/adoption of the report to the Governor of Clemency Actions.
5. Probation violations for fines & restitution (decriminalizing non-payment of fines and costs). Chair Yates noted this priority should be more defined and asked that Sara contact the originator for clarification. The committee then discussed the most recent bench card distributed by the Supreme Court. Jo Ellen has been tasked with creating bench cards on restitution and juvenile fines & cost. The committee asked to review the final draft of the restitution bench card .
6. Transitional Control – Brian Martin provide the committee an explanation and overview of the topic. Steve Van Dine made a motion that a subcommittee be created to review and make recommendations on the subject, Judge Spanagel seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Members are Lusanne Green, Chris Nicastro, Brian Martin, Paul Dobson and Michele Miller. Brian Martin also agreed to provide the committee with statistics and data from DRC regarding the program numbers from both before and after SB 143.
7. The subcommittee decided to table any review of the DRC Probation Improvement and Incentive Grant until September 2015 because DRC will have more reliable data at that time.

8. Commitments to DRC and allow DRC to “sort them out” – Steve Van Dine moved that the SCO law library is asked to research the topic to determine if there are any other states that have this structure and report back on their system, including if there have been any legal challenges. The motion was seconded by Paula Brown and passed by majority vote. Paul Dobson opposed.

Paul Dobson moved to adjourn, Chrystal Alexander seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the committee will be in person June 18, 2015 at 12:30p, room 281.